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**North Pima  
Regional Director's Report  
May 17, 2013**

**Statewide Updates**

- ❖ You recently received an email from me indicating the **Summit registration is open** for regional council members. Registration is also open for the public, which can be done at [azftfsummit.com](http://azftfsummit.com). In an effort to streamline and ease the process for members, you will not have to fill out any forms or register online. Vanessa is collecting details, so please see her to register. Registration must be complete by early June.
- ❖ First Things First CEO, **Rhian Evans Allvin**, has **accepted** the position of **Executive Director** of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (**NAEYC**). Her last day with First Things First is July 3<sup>rd</sup>. She intends to work closely with the Board to ensure a smooth transition.
- ❖ A **summary** of the **April meeting** of the First Things First State **Board** is attached for your reference.

**Regional Updates**

- ❖ The **Family Support Conference**, hosted by the Family Support Alliance, took place on May 10. It was a wonderful opportunity for 250 professionals who work with young children and families to expand their knowledge and skills.
- ❖ **Donelson Consulting**, the Regional Needs and Assets Report vendor for North, Central, and South Pima, as well as Cochise, has drafted a **scope of work** for the base **Needs and Assets** Report. The report will look a bit different this year than last, as the regional council has not invested additional dollars. Donelson wants to ensure a useful report without providing duplicated material from previous reports, as well as remaining within the allocation provided by the Board and meeting the scope of work outlined by First Things First.
- ❖ **The Regional Boundary Taskforce** met on May 7<sup>th</sup> to draft final **recommendations** regarding proposed regional boundary modifications. The Taskforce voted to consolidate North and Central Pima, as well as reappoint several zip codes between Central and South Pima. They also voted to consolidate the current 8 regions in Maricopa County (including the Phoenix regions) down to 6. These recommendations will be forwarded to the State Board for discussion and action at their June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. If approved by the Board, as consolidation plans are developed in the next few months, I will share details as they are disseminated.
- ❖ **Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditure Report** is attached to the packet for your reference.
- ❖ **Community Outreach Report** is attached to the packet for your reference.

**Upcoming Events**

- **May 20:** First Things First Tucson Office Open House, 3610 N. Prince Village Pl. Ste. 100, 2:30pm-5pm
- **June 3:** Cross-regional Benchmarking Meeting, 3610 N. Prince Village Pl. Ste. 100, 9am-11am
- **June 10 and 11:** First Things First State Board Meeting, Phoenix
- **June 21:** North Pima Regional Council Meeting, Location TBD, 11am
- **August 26 and 27:** First Things First Early Childhood Summit, Phoenix Convention Center